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SUBJECT: REPLY TO SOVIET DEMARCHES ON FRG ACTIVITIES
IN BERLIN

REF: BONN 4236

1. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THE REPLY PROPOSED IN
REFTEL IS A SATISFACTORY IF LENGTHY RESPONSE TO THE
SOVIET DEMARCHES. WITH THE TWO MODIFICATIONS
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DESCRIBED BELOW, IT IS APPROVED.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT THE BRACKETED SENTENCE IN
PARAGRAPH 5 OF REPLY SHOULD BE DELETED. WHILE WE
DO NOT DISAGREE WITH THE FACTS AS STATED, WE CONCUR
WITH THE EMBASSY THAT INTRODUCING REFERENCES TO THE
NEGOTIATING HISTORY OF THE QA WOULD NOT BE A PROFITABLE

COURSE OF ACTION TO PURSUE WITH THE SOVIETS. IT IS UNLIKELY TO PERSUADE THEM TO CHANGE THEIR POSITION OR THEIR OWN RECORD OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND WOULD LIKELY LEAD TO FURTHER UNPRODUCTIVE EXCHANGES.

3. IN THE CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH OF THE REPLY, WE DO NOT CONSIDER IT NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE SPECIFICALLY TO REFUTE THE SOVIET CHARGE OF A "CAMPAIGN OF PROVOCATION." WE WOULD PREFER A MORE GENERAL AFFIRMATION OF ALLIED ACTIONS TO WHICH WE COULD REFER IN SUBSEQUENT REPLIES TO SIMILAR SOVIET PROTESTS. US REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD THEREFORE PROPOSE CONSIDERATION OF SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:"THERE IS ACCORDINGLY NO JUSTIFICATION WHATEVER FOR THE ACCUSATIONS CONTAINED IN YOUR STATEMENT OF 29 NOVEMBER. AS IN THE PAST, THE THREE POWERS, FOR THEIR PART, WILL CONTINUE TO MEET THEIR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN BERLIN IN FULL ACCORD WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT." VANCE

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